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MAGNETIZATION TRANSFER CONTRAST AGENTS AND  
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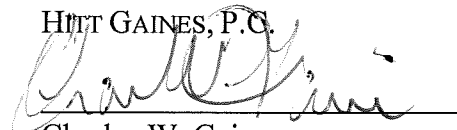
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**CHANGE OF STATUS UNDER 37 CFR § 1.27(c)(1)**

The above referenced patent is assigned to the Board of Regents, The University of Texas by an assignment dated 02/12/2002 from Dean A. Sherry, et al., as Assignors, to the Board of Regents, The University of Texas, as Assignee, and recorded at Reel/Frame 01265/0390. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(3)(ii), the Applicants hereby assert that Applicants are a small entity and that status as a small entity is asserted for U.S. Patent No. 6,875,419, Serial Number 10/001,858 .

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